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HAYWOOD COUNTY MAN WINS "CASH SPECTACULAR" \$1 MILLION PRIZE

-Powerball Ticket Worth \$800,000 Sold in Winston-Salem--Robeson County Man Wins \$134,385 Playing "Carolina Cash 5"-

RALEIGH-A **Canton** man started shaking when he realized he had scratched off the \$1 million prize on his recently purchased "\$100 Million Cash Spectacular" ticket. Ronald Cochran bought the ticket at the Jiffy Shop on Walnut Street in **Waynesville** and took it home to scratch it off. He had won \$1,000 a few weeks earlier on the game and hoped for another win.

Cochran says he'd like to use some of his winnings to take a cruise to Alaska and buy his daughter a new car. He is the North Carolina Education Lottery's (NCEL) eighth \$1 million winner. He has received his first annuity payment of \$50,000 minus taxes and will receive payments every May for the next 19 years.

Other \$1 million prizes have been claimed by winners in Farmville, Pfafftown, Charlotte, Burlington, Holly Springs, Graham and Bullock. There are two more \$1 million prizes available in the "\$100 Million Cash Spectacular" game along with tens of thousands of other prizes.

Steve Strickland of **Maxton** likes to play the NCEL's online games. For the May 20 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing, he picked five numbers for his ticket that corresponded to family members' birthdates. Those numbers turned out to be lucky ones—all five matched the five white balls drawn. His ticket was worth \$134,385!

Strickland says he will use the money to build a house. He purchased his ticket at the Scotland Stop N Shop on South Main Street in **Laurinburg**.

In last night's Powerball drawing, there were eight big winners in North Carolina. One ticket matched all five white balls and was Power Played. Since the Power Play number for last night's drawing was 4, the normal \$200,000 prize was increased to \$800,000! This ticket was sold at Wilco #110 on South Main Street in **Winston-Salem**.

One ticket matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and was Power Played, increasing the \$10,000 prize to \$40,000. This ticket was sold at Wilco #325 on Ward Boulevard in **Wilson**.

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Six other tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball but were not Power Played. Each ticket is worth \$10,000. These tickets were sold at Latham Quick Market Inc. on Cridland Road in **Greensboro**, Lowes Food #188 on Guilford College Road in **Jamestown**, Main Street Mini Mart on North Main Street in **Holly Springs**, Food Lion #723 on Highway 64 West in **Knightdale**, Kwik Stop 2 on Main Street in **Ellenboro**, and Buy & Go #5 on Hillsborough Street in **Raleigh**.

A total of 35,727 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in Wednesday's Powerball drawing, ranging from \$800,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$1,244,215. No one matched all five white balls and the Powerball to win the jackpot, so the jackpot amount for the Saturday, May 24, Powerball drawing is \$20 million.

The NCEL has paid out more than \$5.1 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, May 19. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$272,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$585,000 in prizes.

Winners in the May 21 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u> Unknown	Hometown	Amount Won \$800,000	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased Wilco #110 3600 S. Main St., Winston-Salem
Thomas Lyons	Wilson	\$40,000	Wilco #325 6700 Ward Blvd., Wilson
Lucas Kavanaugh	High Point	\$10,000	Latham Quick Market Inc. 906 Cridland Rd., Greensboro
Roberta Purcell	Knightdale	\$10,000	Food Lion #723 7053 Hwy. 64 West, Knightdale
Unknown		\$10,000	Lowes Food #188 1236 Guilford College Rd., Jamestown
Unknown		\$10,000	Main Street Mini Mart 126 N. Main St., Holly Springs
Unknown		\$10,000	Kwik Stop 2 191 Main St., Ellenboro
Unknown		\$10,000	Buy & Go #5 5308 Hillsborough St., Raleigh

Winner in the May 20 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Steve Strickland	Maxton	\$134,385	Scotland Stop N Shop
			1612 S. Main St., Laurinburg

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Winners in the May 17 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Angel Rivera	Shallotte	\$10,000	Bill's Quik Stop
			2355 Kirby Rd. SW, Supply

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Game Played
Ronald Cochran	Canton	\$1,000,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Novella Freeman	Durham	\$60,000	"Triple Tripler"
James McPhaul	Raeford	\$50,000	"Jr. Big Ol' Bucks"
Izona Lipford	Kernersville	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Sherry Stachnik	Belmont	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
John Watkins	Graham	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Bennett Chapman	Morganton	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Karen Davis	High Point	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Leslie Davis	Youngsville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Frankie Dills	Cullowhee	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

Powerball Winners Tally

 Prize
 # of winners

 \$2 Million - \$200,000
 105

 \$100,000 - \$10,000
 622

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006, but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.